

Today's News - April 18, 2005

ArcSpace revisits Manchester's Imperial War Museum. – Wanted: Chief Architect for U.S. – Denver reinvents itself; mass transit a big reason. – Perhaps a lesson there for NYC as plans re-examined to make 42nd Street a light rail/pedestrian mall. – Canadian Museum for Human Rights selects an iconic, symbolic design by Predock. – Was Connecticut design competition unfair by design? – Two missed opportunities: a new civic center in Oregon not really civic or a center and "will burden the city for decades"; and another take on Chicago's McDonald's on steroids. – Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum will allow visitors to think for themselves. – A new center devoted to Wordsworth is "a quietly heroic design." – Australian baby boomers don't want McMansions - unless they're designed by high-profile architects. – A critic accustomed to giving heart attacks to "arrogant architects, pompous planners and pandering politicians" has a new perspective. – AIA San Francisco announces design award winners; two top winners, though very different, show what architecture can be; and revisiting ANN feature on one. – NYC celebrates 40th anniversary of landmark law (and a look at some endangered sites). – Metropolis magazine's annual education survey wants your take on the role of research.

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[-- Daniel Libeskind: Imperial War Museum, Manchester, UK](#)

[U.S. GSA Seeks Chief Architect \(U.S. citizens only\)](#)- General Services Administration (GSA)

[From transit to sushi to arts funding, Denver reinvents itself: ...combining an old pragmatism with an intensifying progressive bent...nowhere, perhaps, is the change more evident than in mass transit.](#)- Christian Science Monitor

[Old Proposal to Build Light-Rail Line on 42nd Street Is Revisited \[image\]](#)- New York Times

[Canadian Museum for Human Rights unveils winning design -- Antoine Predock; Ralph Appelbaum Associates \[slide show\]](#)- CBC (Canada)

[Architects say selection process unfair by design: A local architectural firm with an international clientele lost the competition to design the Gateway Community College by one point. -- Cesar Pelli and Associates; Perkins+Will; Rafael Vinoly Architects](#)- New Haven Register (Connecticut)

[A miss in the middle: Hillsboro's new civic center symbolizes an opportunity lost...the urban design and architecture will burden the city for decades. By Randy Gragg -- LRS Architects; Robert Perron](#)- The Oregonian

[A Mickey D's on steroids: When super-sized isn't necessarily better...a colossal missed opportunity to lift this part of Chicago out of its theme park muck. To be fair, the new McDonald's has its moments... By Blair Kamin -- Helmut Jahn; Martin Wolf; Dan Coffey; Daniel Wohlfeil/McDonald's](#)- Chicago Tribune

[A revolution, inside and out: In a radical shift, the Royal Ontario Museum's new focus will be on the object, not on the razzle-dazzle...opportunity for visitors to think for themselves. By Christopher Hume -- Daniel Libeskind; Haley Sharpe Design \[images\]](#)- Toronto Star

[Just William: The new Jerwood Centre, devoted to Wordsworth's life in the Lake District, is both radical and conservative - a bit like the poet himself...a quietly heroic design... By Jonathan Glancey -- Benson and Forsyth; Napper Architects \[image\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Cashed-up baby boomers demand master-planned projects: The concept of master-planned communities - imported from the US more than two decades ago - has been given a modern twist...high-profile architects are designing individual homes for new estates... -- Bligh Voller Nield; Cottee Parker; Gabriel and Elizabeth Poole; Woods Bagot](#)- The Australian

[The View From the Back of an Ambulance: A Heart Attack Puts the City in Perspective: I didn't get heart attacks, friends joked. I gave them, to arrogant architects, pompous planners and pandering politicians. By Sam Hall Kaplan](#)- LA Downtown News

[2005 AIA San Francisco Announces 25 Design Awards Winners -- Architectural Resources Group; Jim Jennings Architecture; EHDD Architecture; Iwamoto Scott; Ogrzyziak/Prillinger Architects; Stanley Saitowitz/Natoma Architects; Alex Bonutti; etc. \[links to images\]](#)- AIA San Francisco

[Two very different buildings, one great honor: 2005 recipients of honor awards for excellence in architecture from AIA San Francisco...two top winners show the full range of what architecture can be. By John King -- Architectural Resources Group; Jim Jennings Architecture](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[From ANN Archives: In Full Bloom: The Conservatory of Flowers: Extreme historic and environmental preservation methods bring a deteriorated treasure back to life. Architectural Resources Group; Tennebaum-Manheim Engineers \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Historic Preservation in NYC: Forty years ago this week, Mayor Robert Wagner signed a bill establishing the landmarks law...Here are ten sites in NYC...that preservation groups are trying to save for future generations of New Yorkers. \[slide show\]](#)- Gotham Gazette

[Metropolis Magazine Annual Design Education Survey: What is the role of research?](#)

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